

**Planning Officer:** Zac Denton

**Planning Application Ref:** AW/327/17/T

**Location :** 4 Ludlow Close, Aldwick

**Description of works:** Fell 1 No. Cherry & replace with a Rowan

**Applicants Reasons** Current tree has limited features season round

**Comments On Application:**

**Wild Cherry** *Prunus avium* Height: 3m AvgeSprd: 1.5m Age: Semi-Mature

- Situated on a grassed verge at the front of the property and close to the house.
- This tree has been very heavily reduced and reshaped in the past to keep its growth potential in check.
- Roots are visible in the lawn that have been damaged by mowing actions.

**Conclusions:**

- This is a small tree that has suffered due to the heavy lopping works which have undermined its amenity value.
- I have no particular objection to the removal of this tree given its small stature and limited impact in the landscape.
- There are also increased benefits that would come from the planting of a Rowan in its place.

**Recommendations:**

- **I APPROVE** of the removal and replacement of this tree.

**Conditions to be applied to the approved works:**

- Once the Cherry tree has been removed and grubbed out then a replacement tree is to be planted 'in the same place'.
- This is to be of Standard Nursery Stock proportions (10-12cm girth & 2m to 3m overall height) supported on a 'short single stake' system with appropriate securing ties and pads.
- It is to be planted within 12 months of the removal of the Cherry tree.
- The species of the replacement tree is to be:-  
**Rowan** *Sorbus aucuparia*

**Reasons :** To accord with current industry guidelines and sound arboricultural practice in general and to ensure continuity and enhancement of the landscape.

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